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In re application of:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified patent application.

1. Submissions under 37 CFR 1.114

The following items are attached as submissions under 37 CFR 1.114

[x] amendment

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[x] declaration under 37 CFR 1.132

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2. The Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Official Action of December 1, 2006,

extending the period for response to and including April 2, 2007, and submit the requisite fee.

3. Summary of Fees

[x] RCE fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e)	\$790
[x] Fee for a one-month extension of time	\$120
[x] Additional claim fee	\$0
TOTAL FEES	\$910

3. Payment of Fees

- [x] A check in the amount of \$910 is attached.
- [x] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees associated with this communication and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 50-1079. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.
- [x] Any filing fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- [x] Any patent application processing fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, including extension of time fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)-(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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